

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
OCTOBER 22, 2012
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2012-0337
705 E. 49TH STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1946 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan side-gabled frame cottage with single 2:2 fenestration and a shed-roofed rear addition.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1946 by James Monroe Hill, who is listed in the 1947 city directory with his wife, Evelyn. Hill was listed as a student at the University of Texas. He did not appear in the 1944-45 directory, nor does he appear in the 1949 directory; and it is believed that he died in Kaufman County, Texas in April, 1946, although there is a June, 1946 building permit in his name to screen in the rear porch. Mary Elliff, the office manager for the Community Chest of Austin is listed as the owner and occupant of the house in the 1949 city directory; by 1953, the house was owned and occupied by Bishop and Lonnie Vann; he had lived in Manor and Dessau, where he had operated stores prior to moving to Austin, and worked as a salesman in a dry goods store, as did his wife. By the time he and Lonnie were living in this house, it appears that they were retired; the city directories do not list his or her occupations. The Vanns lived here until around 1960, when the house became a rental unit, rented over the years by a car mechanic, an attendant at the State Hospital, a department store employee, and a petroleum engineer.

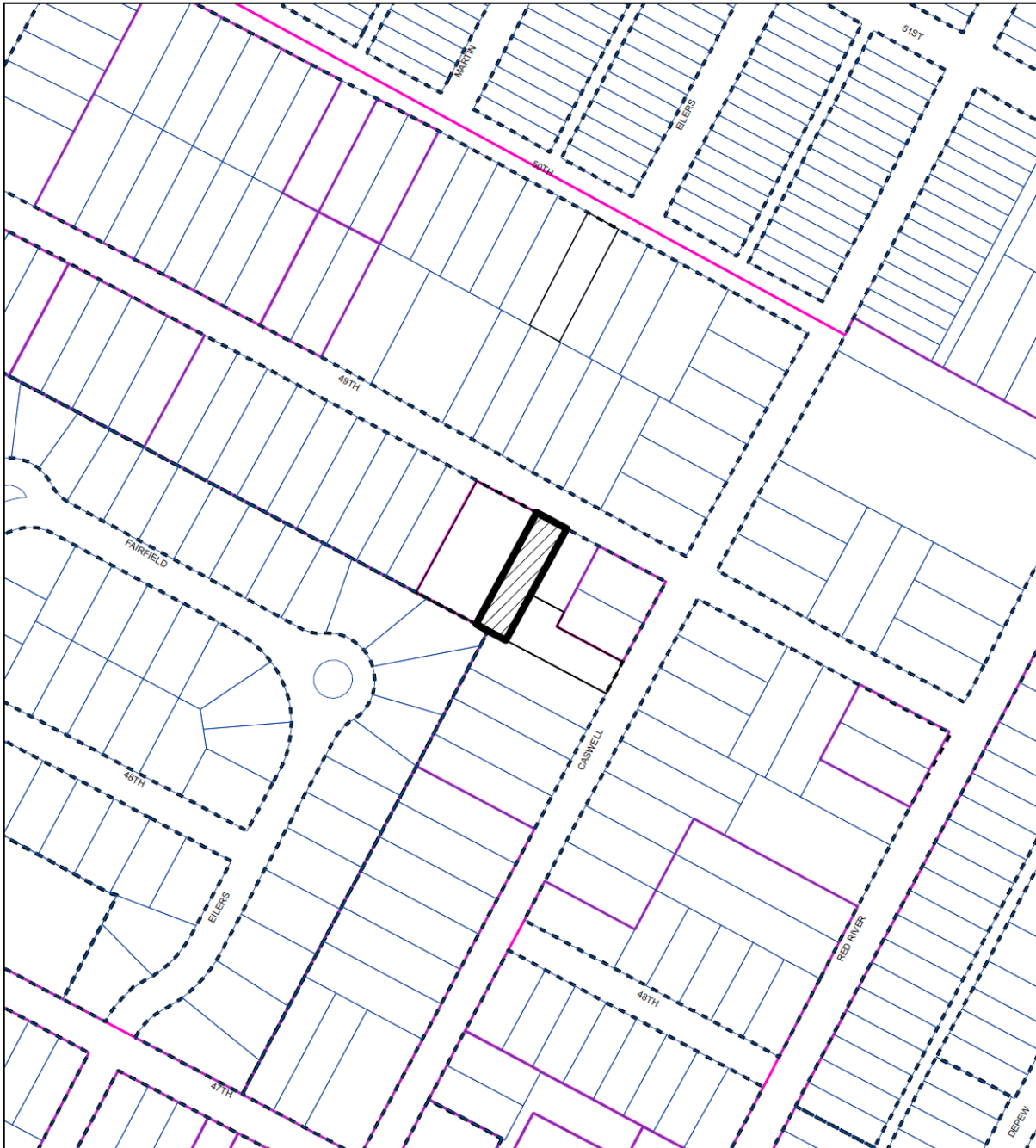
STAFF COMMENTS

The house does not appear in any city survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the demolition permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package consisting of photographs of all elevations of the house, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history. The house has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2012-0337
LOCATION: 705 E 49th



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705 E. 49th Street
ca. 1946



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 705 E. 49th Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
October, 2012

| | |
|---------|--|
| 1992 | Lauren Jaben, renter Employed by Word of Mouth (not listed in the directory) |
| | Peter Williams, renter Student |
| 1985-86 | Larry T. and Pam Jernigan, renters Petroleum engineer |
| 1981 | Gail Borchardt, renter Employed by Best Products, department store, 6301 E. U.S. 290 Highway. |
| 1977 | Gayle Borchardt, renter No occupation listed |

- 1973 Robert D. and Darlene Flack, renters
Attendant, Austin State Hospital
NOTE: The directory indicates that Robert D. and Darlene Flack were new residents at this address.
- 1968 Vacant
- 1962 Marshall K. and Pauline Speed, renters
Mechanic, Jim Bell Motors, used cars, 901 W. 5th Street.
- 1957 Bishop L. and Lonnie Vann, owners
No occupation listed
- 1953 Bishop L. and Lonnie Vann, owners
No occupation listed
- 1949 Mary L. Elliff, owner
Office manager, Community Chest of Austin, 610 Guadalupe Street.
NOTE: James M. and Evelyn Hill are not listed in the directory.
- 1947 James M. and Evelyn A. Hill, owners
Student, University of Texas
- 1944-45 The address is not listed in the directory.
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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

JAMES M. and EVELYN HILL (ca 1946)

There is very little information concerning the Hills, aside from the fact that they built this house in 1946; the building permit was issued in January, 1946, while James M. Hill was a student at the University of Texas. It appears that Hill died in April, 1946 in Kaufman County, although there is a building permit in June, 1946 to screen in the rear porch of this house in his name.

BISHOP L. and LONNIE VANN (ca. 1952 - ca. 1960)

Bishop L. and Lonnie Vann appear in the 1940 U.S. Census living in rented quarters at 1702 Congress Avenue in Austin. Bishop Vann was then 57, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Lonnie Vann was then 58, had been born in Texas, and was a dressmaker. Their son, B.L. Vann, Jr., was then 31, had been born in Texas, and did lab work for the Highway Department. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Ben [sic] L. and Lonnie Vann living in rented quarters at 106 W. 17th Street, with their 21-year old son, Ben [sic], Jr. Both Bishop (Ben) and Lonnie were salespeople in a dry goods store; their son had no occupation listed. The 1920 U.S. Census report shows the family living in a rented house in Dessau, Texas, where Bishop Vann was a general merchant and Lonnie (listed in the census report as Louise Lee) Vann was a saleslady in the store.

| REGISTRATION CARD | | REGISTRAR'S REPORT | |
|--|-------------------------------|--|---------------|
| SERIAL NUMBER | 1164 | 42 1 69 | |
| NAME | Bishop Laffell Vann | DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT | |
| RESIDENCE | Route 1 Manor Travis Co. Tex. | HEIGHT | BUILD |
| AGE | 35 | Weight | Build |
| DATE OF BIRTH | June 14 1883 | Color of Eyes | Color of Hair |
| RACE | | 21 | 22 |
| White | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| U. S. CITIZEN | | ALLEN | |
| 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 |
| PRESENT OCCUPATION | | EMPLOYER'S NAME | |
| Farmer & Merchant | | | |
| PLACE OF BIRTH | | DATE OF REGISTRATION | |
| Route 1 Manor Travis Co. Tex. | | Sept 12 1918 | |
| RELATIVES | | Local Board Travis County Austin, Texas | |
| Name | | STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD | |
| Address | | [The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this box.] | |
| I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE | | | |
| P. M. G. O. | | | |
| FOUR No. 1 (Red) | | | |

Bishop Vann's World War I draft registration card shows that he was living in Manor, Texas, and was a farmer and merchant.

BISHOP L. VANN, SR.

Bishop L. Vann, Sr., 75, died in a local hospital Saturday. Survivors include one son, B. L. Vann, Jr. of Huntsville and two sisters, Mrs. Ernest McElroy and Mrs. Edna Spruill, both of Austin.

Private services will be held Monday at 9 a.m. at Oakwood Cemetery with the Rev. L. T. Ross officiating. Arrangements are with Weed-Corley Funeral Home.

Obituary of Bishop Vann
Austin American, June 30, 1958

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| James M. Hill | 705 East 49th Street |
| 214 - - | 50'x187' - |
| Paul F. Hermann tract | |
| Frame residence | |
| 28663 1-10-46 | \$3,000.00 |
| Day labor | |

James M. Hill 705 East 49th Street
 214 50' x 187' (Paul
 Simms Tr.) - -

Screen in rear porch

30680 6-25-46 \$150.00

Owner

Building permit to James M. Hill to screen in the rear porch (1946)

B. L Vann 705 East 49th St.
 214 50' x 187 -

Paul T Herman Tract

Remodel & Repair Residence

80745 8-2-61 745.00

J. and W. Construction Co.

RESIDENCE New Roof. Panel one Room & Redecorate

Building permit to Bishop L. Vann to re-roof the house (1961)

WATER SERVICE PERMIT No. B 44

Austin, Texas

Received of JAMES MONROE HILL Date 1-19-46

Address 705 EAST 49

Amount TWO AND 50/100 250

Plumber F. R. GRIGGS Size of Tap 1/2"

Date of Connection 2-4-46

Size of Tap Made 3/4"

Size Service Made 3/4"

Size Main Tapped 2"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 1'

From E. Prop. Line to Curb Cock 27'

Location of Meter CURB

Type of Box LOCK

Depth of Main in 3'

Depth of Service Line 2'

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 35'

Checked by Engr. Dept. 2-10-46

| No. Fittings | Size | Material | Price |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| 1 | Curb Cock | 50 | |
| 1 | Elbow | | |
| 1 | St. Elbow | | |
| 1 | Bushing | | |
| 1 | Reducer | 24 COPLIN | |
| 1 | Pipe | 24 COP | |
| 1 | Lead Comp | 24 COP | |
| 1 | Nipples | | |
| 1 | Union | | |
| 1 | Plug | | |
| 1 | Tap | 24 COP | |
| 1 | Stop | | |
| 1 | Box | LOCK | |
| 1 | Lid | | |
| 1 | Valves | | |
| 1 | Job No. | 11329-502 | |
| 1 | Req. No. | 11329-502 | |

Water service permit to James M. Hill (1946)

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT No. 19918

Austin, Texas

Received of James M. Hill Date 1-19-46

Address 705 East 49th Street

Amount \$

Builder or Owner F.B. Griggs Plumber

Lot 50' x 187' Block Subdivision Paul F. Hermann Plat No. 214

Tract

Date of Connection 2-23-46

By City 6' E/WLL

By Plumber

Checked By Golden

Size Main Depth 5'

Main Assign.

Stub Depth Prop. Line 3'

Stub Location

Book No. A-1578

Paving Cut No.

| No. Fittings | Size | Price |
|--------------|------------------|---------|
| 15 | Pipe | 1.50 |
| 2 | Bends | .80 |
| 1 | Reducers | |
| 1 | Plugs | |
| 1 | Sand | |
| 1 | Gravel | |
| 1 | Remix | |
| 1 | Stoppers | |
| 1 | Castings | |
| 1 | Other tap saddle | 20 |
| Labor: | 12 hrs. | 7.44 |
| | | \$ 9.94 |

Sewer service permit to James M. Hill (1946)